Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for synchronizing an event on a plurality of a client apparatuses, comprising the steps of:

(a)   providing an event stored in a memory storage device;

(b)   connecting the client apparatuses and a host computer to a network; and

(c)   transmitting information from the host computer to the memory storage device utilizing the network for allowing the simultaneous playback of the event on each of the client apparatuses;

wherein only the host can transmit the information to the memory storage device to control the simultaneous playback.

Claim 2 (original):   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the event includes a video and audio presentation.

Claim 3 (original):   A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the event includes at least one of a movie, a concert, and a theatrical event.

Claim 4 (original):   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is a wide area network.

Claim 5 (original):   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information includes a start time when the playback of the event is to begin on each of the client apparatuses.

Claim 6 (original):   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information includes an ending time when the playback of the event is to end on each of the client apparatuses.

Claim 7 (original):   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the memory storage
device includes a digital video disc (DVD) player.

Claim 8 (original):   A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the information
includes chapter information associated with the DVD.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising
~~the step of~~ receiving input from ~~the user~~ <u>one of the client apparatuses,</u> and <u>the
host</u> altering the playback based on the input.

Claims 10-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (new):   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information also
includes a history of the simultaneous playback.